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At the Court at Windsor, September 3. 1711.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable John, Lord Bishop of Bristol, was, by Her Majesty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council; and Her Majesty having been pleas'd to deliver the Custody of the Privy-Seal to his Lordship, he had thereupon the Oath of Keeper of the Privy-Seal Administred to him, and accordingly took his Place at the Board.

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Her Majesty is pleased to Declare, That the Selling of Offices and Places in Great Britain, which concern the Administration or Execution of Justice, or the Receipt, Comptrolment, or Payment of any Her Treasure, Moneys, Customs, or Revenues whatsoever, or of any of the Offices or Places in Her Houshold and Family, to be highly Dishonourable to Her Majesty, Prejudicial to Her Service, Introductive of Corruption and Extortion, and a Discouragement to Virtue and true Merit; and that Her Majesty is resolved to use Her utmost Endeavour to discourage and prevent the Selling the same: And therefore declares Her Pleasure, that no Person whatsoever do presume to Sell or Buy, or knowingly permit to be Sold or Bought, any of the Offices or Places aforesaid, or to take, or permit to be taken, any Money, Fee, Reward, or other Profit whatsoever, or any Promise, Agreement, Covenant, Bond, or Assurance, to have or receive the same for any the Offices or Places aforesaid, or for being admitted into, or placed in them, or any of them, not permitted by a Statute made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth against Selling of Offices, other than such Fees as by Law are allowed to be taken upon pain of incurring Her Majesty's Displeasure. And Her Majesty doth Command and Require, That all Persons to whom it shall belong, to Nominate, or Place, or Admit into any of the said Offices and Places, that they take care that no Person be admitted into any of the said Offices or Places, for Money or other Reward whatsoever; and that they do not suffer any of them to be Sold, except as in the before-recited Act of Parliament is excepted. And Her Majesty doth further Declare, That She will give all due Encouragement to such Persons who shall Discover and Prosecute any Person or Persons for Buying or Selling any of the Offices or Places aforesaid, contrary to Law. And that all Persons concern'd may take Notice hereof, Her Majesty Commands, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published. *JOHN POVEY.*

From the Camp before Bouchain, Sept. 7. *N. S.* We have continued our Approaches for these three Days past with good Success; and last Night, between Eight and Nine, we open'd the Saps at the Right Attack, against the Upper Town, in order to make a Lodgment on the Cover'd-way, for which Two hundred Workmen were appointed, with the Granadiers of the Three Battalions in the Trenches to sustain them. Our Men finding the Opportunity favourable, drove the Enemy from their Traverses, and from the Place of Arms, and made themselves Masters of as much of the Counterscarp as is necessary for carrying on that Attack. We found a Magazine of the Enemies Granades in the Place of Arms, and are now raising Batteries on the Glacis to batter the Faces of the Ravelin and the Bastion. On the Left the Enemy made Two Sallies upon our Workmen; however, they were soon beat back, and we made a Lodgment upon the Saliant Angle before the Bastion. At the Attack against the Lower Town, we possess'd our selves of the Hornwork the Third at Night, and have since carry'd on our Approaches along the Ramparts, within a few Paces of the Two Bastions, and finish'd Two Batteries of Cannon, and another of Mortars, to batter the Faces of the Bastions, which will be ready to Fire to Morrow. We expect the Mareschal de Villars's continuing encamp'd so near the Town, tho' he seems to have no farther Hopes of Relieving it, may give the Garrison Encouragement to hold out to the last Extremity. Upon Advice that the Enemy had encreased the Garrison of Valenciennes to Nineteen Battalions, and design'd to send a farther Reinforcement thither, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough order'd the Line of Circumvallation to be carry'd on from the Village of Roelt to Lourche, and the Troops posted near Denain to come and encamp within the Line. We have an Account, that a Body of the Enemies Troops, consisting of Six thousand Horse and Twenty Battalions, under the Command of Monsieur de Magnac, are march'd from their Left, and encamp'd on this side the Schelde, with their Right at Lesdain, their Left towards Cambray, and Crevecoeur in their Centre, for the Conveniency of Forage.

Hague, Sept. 8. *N. S.* Upon Advice that the Sickness increaseth at Copenhagen, and in the Neighbourhood of that City, the States General have caus'd an Order to be publish'd, prohibiting the Importation of all sorts of Commodities from the Baltick, and the adjacent Country, under the Penalty of having the Goods so imported burnt, with the forfeiture of Life to the Offenders. All Passengers are likewise oblig'd to produce Certificates that they come from Places not infected, before they will be admitted into these Provinces. The Earl of Peterborough proposeth to leave this Place to Morrow, in order to repair to Francfort, from whence we are advis'd, that two material Points have been settled in the Electoral College, the Regulation of which will much forward the conclusion of such other Matters, as are to be agreed upon before they proceed to the Election. By one of these Points it is provided, that no King of the Romans shall be chosen without the consent of the Emperor; and by the other, the future Emperor, whenever he shall think fit to pass the Mountains,

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